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CLERK: Mr. President, some items, thank you. An amendment by Senator Chambers to LB 436 to be printed, Senator Kremer to LB 777. Mr. President, your Committee on Education reports LB 647 to General File with amendments, that report signed by Senator Raikes; and Enrollment and Review reports LB 568 to Select File with E & R amendments attached. And that's all that I have at this time, Mr. President. (Legislative Journal pages 421-424.)

SPEAKER KRISTENSEN: Thank you, Mr. Clerk. (Visitors introduced.) Mr. Clerk, Select File, LB 435.

CLERK: Mr. President, LB 435 is on Select File, was a bill originally introduced by Senator Dierks and others. (Read title.) The bill was on Select File. On May 29 of last year the bill was bracketed until this year. I do have a series of amendments to the bill, Mr. President.

SPEAKER KRISTENSEN: Senator Dierks, before we move to the procedural matters this morning, could you...since it's been a period of time, could you give the body just an update of what the bill is about and where we're at and just a general overview. Thank you.

SENATOR DIERKS: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Members of the Legislature, this...this bill, LB 435, was introduced and heard in committee on January 23rd of 2001. This is a piece of legislation that we've seen introduced several times over the last four or five years. We think now we've got to the point where...that it is something that will be accepted by all the parties concerned and do the job that we expected for it to do from the very beginning. The bill is called the Ag Suppliers Lease Protection Act. It declares a public purpose in maintaining reasonable lease terms for ag tenants upon all property and remedying unequal bargaining positions between railroads or their successors in interest and agricultural tenants. Railroad lands are defined to include right-of-way and adjacent properties acquired for railroad operation purposes held by railroads or subsequent owners occupied by an agricultural tenant. Agricultural tenants are defined to